

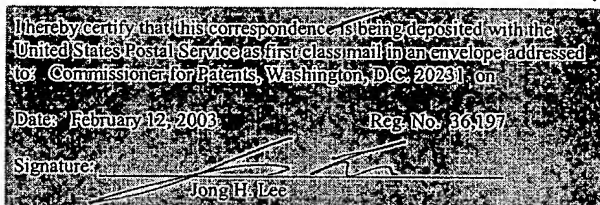
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Serial No. : 10/017,772  
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MANUFACTURING METHOD  
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Washington, D.C. 20231



**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT & EXTENSION REQUEST**

SIR:

In response to the requirement for restriction contained in the Office Action dated November 14, 2002, applicants elect Group I containing claims 1-9 for further prosecution on the merits.

Applicants request a two-month extension of time to respond to the Restriction Requirement, the extended due date being February 14, 2003. Please charge the required \$410 extension fee to the deposit account of Kenyon & Kenyon, deposit account number 11-0600.

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